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APPOINTS DIPLOMATS TO RUMANIA, BULGARIA

TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY TO RUMANIA -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 79, 2 Apr 50

The German Democratic Republic has appointed Johnny Loehr Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Rumania.

Loehr, born in Hamburg on 20 February 1899, comes from a proletarian family. He learned the fitter's trade and later attended the Realgymnasium [semiclassical secondary school] and the School for Advanced Machine Construction in Leipzig. He received an engineer's diploma from the latter school in 1928.

The newly appointed diplomat, active in politics since 1913, was frequently persecuted because of his political activities. After his return to Germany in May 1945, he was entrusted with responsible missions in Mecklenburg, where he also functioned as president of the Chamber of Trade and Industry. At present, he is deputy president of the Provisional People's Chamber of the German Democratic Republic and Land chairman of the German National Democratic Party in Mecklenburg.

CHOSEN AMBASSADOR TO BULGARIA -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 79, 2 Apr 50

Frau Aenne Kundermann, chief of the German Democratic Republic's mission to the Bulgarian People's Republic, has been appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Bulgaria.

Frau Kundermann, who is 43 years old, has been active in the workers' and trade union movements since her early youth, when she worked as a cardboard box maker. During the Fascist regime she was forced to emigrate. After her return to Germany in May 1945, Frau Kundermann was entrusted with a responsible post in Mecklenburg.

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ESTABLISHES RELATIONS WITH MONGOLIAN REPUBLIC -- Ny Dag, No 87, 17 Apr 50

Ulan-Bator -- Diplomatic relations have been established between the Mongolian People's Republic and the German Democratic Republic, it was announced officially here on 16 April 1950.

LDP KREIS EXECUTIVE BOARD RESIGNS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 75, 29 Mar 50

During its last session, the executive board of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) for Kreis Zwickau resolved to resign. The meeting was attended by the chairman of the LDP for Land Sachsen, Dr Thuermer (fnu), who accepted the resignation. Pending election of a new Kreis executive, he appointed Frau Marianne Sippel, Bernhard Unruh, and Rudolf Liebold to act as a provisional board for the LDP municipal and Kreis association. The Kreis executive board had sabotaged decisions of the East German government.

NEW LDP CHAIRMAN FOR SACHSEN-ANHALT -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 76, 30 Mar 50

Dr Damerow (fnu), Minister of Justice for Sachsen-Anhalt, has resigned as Land chairman of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). He has been succeeded by Otto Kamps, Sachsen-Anhalt's Minister of Trade and Supply.

OUSTS LDP OFFICIALS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 77, 31 Mar 50

The Land executive of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in Mecklenburg has ousted Karl Wendelburg, Landtag deputy, and Karl Assmuss, Neubrandenburg municipal official, because of conduct detrimental to the party.

SED DEFEATED IN ELECTION -- Morgon Tidningen, No 100, 15 Apr 50

According to Kurt Kuehn, chairman of the Sachsen trade-union movement, the Socialist Unity Party (SED) suffered a defeat in the industrial council (Betriebsrat) election held recently in Land Sachsen. The election embraced over 20,000 enterprises, or more than 85 percent of all enterprises in the Land. SED candidates obtained no more than 41 percent of the functionary posts.

UNION COMBINE FORMS CENTRAL EXECUTIVE -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 79, 2 Apr 50

A provisional central executive of the Combined Industrial Trade Unions for Textiles, Garments, and Leather has been formed in Berlin. Willi Gross has been appointed chairman and Rudolf Schenner deputy chairman.

SAYS PRISONERS SHIPPED TO USSR -- Neue Zuercher Zeitung, No 938, 5 May 50

Three special penal boards have been set up in the District Court of Doebeln (Sachsen) by East Germany's judicial department to try the 1,000 German prisoners who were turned over to German authorities by the USSR. These persons were interned by the Soviets in summer 1945, but were not tried before a Soviet military court.

The fate of the other internees, who are still being held by the Soviets, although no charges have been brought against them, is not known. Since concentration camps have been dissolved by the Soviets, it is assumed that several thousand internees were shipped to the USSR during the past few weeks, including numerous former German diplomats, high government officials, and journalists.

Most of the prisoners who have been turned over to the Germans for trial are in prisons in Brandenburg, Luckau, and Waldheim (Sachsen). For the first time in 5 years they have been permitted to write to their relatives.

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